

LOCAL NEWS.

We referred, in yesterday's Gazette, to the report that a petition had been prepared, asking for a retrocession of Alexandria, to the District of Columbia. The following is a copy of the aforesaid petition, which, however, we have not been able to learn is very numerously signed. Its object is, as we stated yesterday, mischievous, and we hope will be encouraged. As will be seen, political feeling is at the bottom of the project, and it is to be hoped that Congress will pay no attention whatever to the petition, as it is a misrepresentation of the sentiment of this community. If necessary, the Legislature should take action in the premises. Here is the petition:

"The undersigned, loyal citizens of Alexandria, Va., believing our prosperity would be greatly increased by being restored to the District of Columbia, and by being relieved from the taxation and oppression, of the disloyal Legislature at Richmond Va., respectfully ask Congress to do whatever may be necessary, to restore the County of Alexandria to its condition previous to the year 1846.

Dated Alexandria, Va., January 10th 1866.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Water Company held yesterday (January 23d) afternoon, it was resolved, that the election, of Secretary and Treasurer, be postponed until the next meeting of the Board (to be held on Saturday morning next). It was also resolved that the Secretary, (to be elected) shall receive nine hundred dollars per annum, for which he is to give his exclusive attention, to the Company's affairs to be held responsible, (in connection with the Superintendent), for the prompt collection of all the bills; and it is understood, that if a contract be entered into, for doing the pumping, the Secretary and Superintendent, shall under the Supervision of the President and Directors, attend to all the affairs of the Company.

The Secretary is also to furnish an office of easy access to the public (to be approved of by the Board of Directors) to furnish Stationary (except books and printed bill heads,) fuel &c., for which he is to be allowed three hundred dollars per annum.

The improvements on the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad have been great. Sills have been laid throughout the line from Richmond to Aquia Creek, and at the later place, the wharf which was destroyed during the war has been rebuilt, and fine Depot buildings erected. This road has just received two elegant passenger cars, first class, and others are being manufactured at the Company's works at Richmond. The steamers Keyport and C. Vanderbilt are on this route from Washington to the Creek.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. A. E. Bassford, of this place, late principal of the Westworth Female Seminary. Mr. B. has resided here for several years, and won the confidence and respect of our citizens. He was an amiable and excellent gentleman. In his profession as a teacher, he met with marked success, and always beloved by his pupils. His death will be much lamented.

Post Offices.—Postmaster General Dennison has issued the following orders: Reopen the following offices and make appointments: Brentsville, Prince William county; Sidney Teasdale, postmaster. Bristersburg, Fauquier county; Samuel H. Bots, postmaster. Somerville, Fauquier county; John H. Ensor, postmaster.

POLICE REPORT.—Thos. McCormick, charged with being concerned in the robbery of Bernard Carlen, on the night of the 18th, was before Justice Beach to day, but the case was postponed until this evening at 4 o'clock, owing to the absence of the witnesses. No cases before the Mayor.

We learn, from the Southern Churchman, that there are now two professors and eleven students, at the Theological Seminary, near this place. The Professors are Drs. Sparrow and Packard. Other students are expected.—Of the eleven present, four were former Baptist preachers.

The Fence Law, passed by the Legislature, makes every man's boundary line a lawful fence, provided the county courts shall so decree. The County of Accomac is not included in the benefits, and the prior laws of the counties of Fairfax, Alexandria, and Prince William, are repealed.

Last evening, at nine o'clock, General Robert Williams, U. S. A., was married to Mrs. S. A. Douglas, at her residence, in Washington, by the Rev. Father Lynch, in the presence of the immediate friends of bride and groom.

Many of our citizens will remember a somewhat noted horse that use to race in this neighborhood, belonging to Mr. Jas. Roach, and called Paddy. Last night Paddy died aged 29 years.

The first importation from Europe, by direct assignment, to the Washington merchants, was received yesterday by Mr. J. P. Bartholow, in the shape of a variety of seeds.

The weather continues wintry—and this morning there was another fall of snow. It has been snowing all the morning. It is the eleventh snow this winter.

Robbers effected an entrance into the store of Mr. Loomis, No. 188, King street, on Monday night, and stole a rifle and goods to the amount of \$150.

Gen. J. P. Slough, formerly Military Governor of this place, has been nominated by the President to be Chief Justice of the Territory of New Mexico.

Several communications on miscellaneous subjects are on hand, and they will be published as soon as we can find room for them.

We have received the February number of Beadle's Monthly Magazine, published in N. York.

For proceedings of the City Council, last night, see first page of to-day's Gazette.

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Great destruction of rats. It is a paste and used on bread. Every box warranted a dead shot; As it will destroy all your Rats, Roaches, Mice and Ants. Or you can have your money refunded. Not dangerous to the human family. Try it—and if it don't slay all your rats, &c. You can have your money refunded. Sold by druggists and country dealers generally.

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HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—The large and comfortable frame DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT, situated on N. W. corner of Duke and Water streets. For terms apply to [ja 15-1w] HOOE & WEDDERBURN.

"MARTHA WASHINGTON" HAIR RESTORER.—The best thing for the hair in the market. Two articles combined in one. A perfect Hair Restorer and Hair Dresser. Sold by all Druggists. The trade supplied by HENRY COOK, No. 39, King st., Alexandria, Va. Warranted to do all we claim—or money refunded, after using two bottles. Ladies try it, nov 6-3m

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dec 6-1f

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF FAIRFAX LAND.—By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Fairfax county, Virginia, rendered at the December term, 1865, of said Court, in the suit of Purdy Makely, et al. vs. Lewis Jamieson, the undersigned, as commissioner therein named, will offer for sale, at Public Auction, in front of the Court House of Fairfax county, Va., at 12 o'clock m., on MONDAY, the 19th day of February, 1866, that being Court day, a certain TRACT OF LAND, situated in said county of Fairfax, and supposed to contain about FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE ACRES, described as follows:—Bounded on the north partly by the Orange & Alexandria Railroad, and partly by land, now, or formerly owned by Hunter; on the east by the land of —Lee; on the west partly by the Poor's House tract, and lands of said Hunter, and by lands, now, or formerly owned by —Sangser, and on the south by lands, now, or formerly owned by Lent and Sangser.

Terms of Sale:—One third of the purchase money in cash; the remainder in two equal instalments, 3 and 6 months, with interest from the day of sale; bonds of the purchaser with approved security, and the title to be retained until the whole purchase money is paid; or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

GILBERT S. MINER, Commissioner.

dec 20—eots

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND BANK STOCK.—By authority of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, rendered at the November term, 1865, in the suit of R. Johnston, guardian, vs. A. E. Page, et al., the undersigned, as commissioner therein named, offers at private sale the following valuable real estate, situated in the city of Alexandria:

A LOT OF GROUND, with a substantial Brick Warehouse thereon, on the south side of King street, about the middle of the square, between Fairfax and Water streets, fronting on King street 25 feet, and running back 82 feet 3 inches to a 12 feet alley.

A LOT OF GROUND, with a Store and Dwelling thereon, on the north side of Duke and east side of St Asaph sts., at the intersection of said streets.

A SQUARE or 2 acres of ground, bounded by Queen, Fayette, Princess and Payne sts. This square will be subdivided into lots to suit purchasers.

Also, \$4,000, of the stock of the Farmer's Bank of Virginia.

Price and terms made known upon application. W. C. YEATON, Comm'r. of Sale.

dec 28—eotsf Office No. 19, N. St. Asaph st.

VALUABLE FAIRFAX LAND FOR SALE.—Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of Fairfax, rendered in the case of Jackson vs. Jackson, I will sell on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1866, on the premises, at 12 o'clock m., at Dranesville, Fairfax county, the VALUABLE HO-TEL at Dranesville, formerly kept by Geo. W. Jackson, with a lot and garden attached; also the VALUABLE FARM, of which George W. Jackson, died, seized about two (2) miles north of Dranesville, containing about THREE HUNDRED ACRES, is well wooded and has upon it a COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE, and Fine Barn.

Terms of sale:—One tenth of the purchase money to be paid in hand on the day of sale the residue in three equal instalments of six twelve and eighteen months to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, bearing interest from the day of sale, and a retention of the title of the land until the last payment is made. The cash payment is to be forfeited, and the land sold at the costs of the purchaser, in the event of his failing to comply with the terms of sale.

JAS. T. JACKSON, Commissioner of Sale.

dec 29—2awts [Balt. Gazette and N. Int. copy laws.]

DWELLING AND TWO OFFICES FOR RENT.—We offer for rent the Dwelling House, situated on the corner of King and Washington streets, formerly occupied by Judge C. Neale, and two offices attached thereto, on Washington st.

BRENT & WATTLES, [Journal copy.]

jan 13—eo2w*

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE LAND. By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fauquier county, pronounced the 12th day of December, 1865, in the suit of Hunton vs. Bastable, the undersigned, who were therein appointed special Commissioners for that purpose, will, on FRIDAY, 9th of February, 1866, offer for sale, on the premises, at public auction, to the highest bidder, a TRACT OF LAND, belonging to G. M. Bastable, in the county of Fauquier, and is the same land allotted to said Bastable, in the partition between him and James J. Hunton, and contains by recent survey 806 1-2 ACRES. This is one of the very finest farms in Piedmont, Virginia; is well adapted to the growth of all cereals, and is unsurpassed as a Grazing Farm. It is beautifully situated on both sides of Cedar Run, and is composed entirely of the first and second bottoms of that stream. It lies within half mile of the Warrenton Junction, on the O. & A. R. R. It has upon it a very VALUABLE MILL, fitted for grinding corn, and which might, with a small outlay, be made one of the finest flouring mills in the county; also, a first-rate SAW MILL, in good repair. The DWELLING HOUSE is comfortable, but small. James J. Hunton, esq., who lives on the premises, will take pleasure in showing it to persons desirous to purchase. It is believed that no opportunity for a good investment, equal to this, has for a long time, been offered to the public.

Terms of Sale:—One-fourth of the purchase money will be required in cash on the day of sale. The balance in one, two, and three equal annual instalments, to bear interest from the day of sale. The title to the land will be withheld as a security for deferred payments, and the land will be resold by order of Court, upon failure to pay any one of deferred payments.

JOHN M. FORBES, B. H. SHACKELFORD, EPPA HUNTON, Commissioners.

Fauquier co. dec 22—dtd

JUST RECEIVED.—A fresh lot of BUTTER, and EGGS from Loudoun county, Va.

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jan 18—tf cor. Queen and St. Asaph sts.

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75 CLOTH CLOAKS,

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jan 23-tf Washington, D. C.

C. L. POWELL'S SCHOOL.

The next term of my school will commence on the 1st February, 1866, at my residence, No. 110, Washington street.

jan 23—2w* CHAS. L. POWELL.

COCKPIT POINT FOR SALE OR RENT.

We offer for sale or rent this valuable fishing shore. A sale would be preferred. For terms apply to BRENT & WATTLES.

jan 22—eo2w

THE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF ALEXANDRIA.—A dividend of three per cent. on the capital stock of this company has been declared, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after Wednesday, the 24th inst. C. W. WATTLES, Secretary.

jan 19—eo2w

PROF. GUILLAUME FOUCHE

announces that he has commenced the second quarter of his

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Days and hours of tuition as formerly.

Two New Dances—Midshipman's Schottish, and Friska, will be taught.

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jan 17—tf Annapolis Md.

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jan 3-tf

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jan 18—1w Foot of Prince street.

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